



POSITION DESCRIPTION

,Position Title	Peer Worker
Program/Region	Hospital to Home, Sydney North West region
Role Reports To	Hospital to Home Coordinator
Area/Region	Blacktown
Hours	16-18 hours per week (negotiable)
Tenure	To 30 June 2018
Salary	SCHADS Level 3. Pay point depending on experience - enhanced by salary packaging
Special Conditions	This role is an outreach role and will require travel across Western Sydney LHD region. Appropriate Award travel allowances will be paid.

Our Mission

One Door Mental Health is committed to improving the circumstances and welfare of people with a serious mental illness, their relatives and carers, and professionals working in the area. To achieve its aims One Door provides advocacy, mental health services, education and service development for people living with a mental illness and their families.

Position Overview

The Hospital to Home Peer Worker will work closely with the Local health District Community Mental Health teams and in-patient hospital teams. They will work one to one with individuals in the mental health units to help plan their discharge with the mental health team, define their goals and needs for the first 6 – 8 weeks after discharge, and then support the individual in the process of implementing the plan and linking to relevant services and supports.

The H2H Peer Worker will liaise with unit staff, GP, allied health and relevant services to support the individual in the transition period. This position offers the opportunity to use your specific recovery experience to share experiential knowledge, skills and strategies for living with a mental illness to support people leaving hospital after an admission.

Position Specific Responsibilities

1. In partnership with the Hospital to Home Coordinator, develop relationships with local mental health units staff and inpatient clients
2. Assist the team and the client to develop the discharge plan and identify elements of the plan that are the responsibility of the H2H Peer Worker
3. Work with the client and relevant staff in the mental health teams and other agencies to deliver the plan for the client
4. Record data in a Client Information Management System (CiMS)
5. Assist in evaluation of the program



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Behavioural Competencies
1. Self Management 2. Communication 3. Problem Solving 4. Initiative and Enterprise 5. Teamwork 6. Conflict Resolution

Working Relationships	
Internal and external roles the individual in this position will need to interact with and the nature of that interaction to fulfil the requirements of this role.	
Key Internal working relationships	
Person/Service	Key purpose of relationship
H2H Coordinator	Receive supervision, support and training
One Door staff members	Training and care coordination
Area Leader	Supervision and support as required
Key External working relationships	
Person/Service	Key purpose of relationship
Community MH Case Managers	Collaboration
Other NGO's and services involved with	Care coordination and information sharing

Position Criteria
<p>Essential</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lived experience of mental illness and the ability to use that experience to support others • Tertiary qualifications in a relevant discipline • Ability to develop rapport with mental health clients • Knowledge of the NSW mental health system and local services • An understanding of the recovery based approach to assisting people with severe and persistent mental illness • Ability to work effectively in both community and in patient settings • Excellent communication skills • Sound IT competence to use Microsoft programs, Client Management Systems, Electronic timesheet and HR systems • A current drivers licence and access to a fully insured vehicle • Current and valid first aid certificate <p>Desirable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge of the needs of carers and of people with mental illness • Knowledge of and experience in working with people from a culturally and linguistically diverse background and Aboriginal background